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## Foster Missionary Awards Banquet Honors Leaders

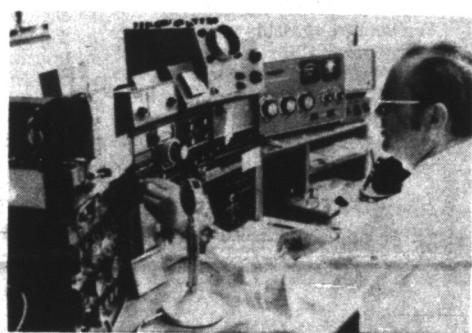
A total of 62 persons attended last week's foster missionary evaluation and awards banquet in Jackson. They were gathered by the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to recognize achievement in the foster missionary program and discuss ways to improve operation.



Attending the foster missionary evaluation program are (left to right): Claude Lazenby, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church at Senatobia, and Sunday school director for Tate association; Syble Myers, promotional secretary for Tate; Ray Grisett, board staffer and coordinator of foster missions; Ken Hopkins, minister of music and youth at Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Independence; and Guy Culver, missionary for Union association and foster missionary for Tate.

## "Ham" Hobby Becomes Worldwide Ministry

Pastor tunes in daily to world missions.



By Tim Nicholas

Eugene Dobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, is known as the "very fat preacher" — but not for his girth.

Dobbs is a "ham" radio operator whose call letters are WA5VFP. Since many letters sound similar, ham operators use a phonetic code to identify one another — much like the handles of CB radio operators.

Regularly, he'll be in radio contact with a person overseas and connect them by telephone "patch" with a friend or relative in the States. The Federal Communications Commission allows such calls but forbids any business to be transacted and forbids the radio operator to profit for services.

The side benefit for Dobbs is the friends he makes. For years he ran patches for missionary Raymond Kolb in Brazil to Kolb's children in college stateside. "I'd been talking to the Kolbs for years, but had never seen them," says Dobbs.

One Sunday morning Dobbs was handed the visitors' cards in church, and he spotted a familiar name. It was the Kolbs. He called Kolb up to the podium, and for 15 minutes the missionary told the congregation what the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions meant to his work.

Dobbs, a former pastor of McLaurin Heights Baptist Church in Pearl, used to run more patches for missionaries who had children in Jackson-area colleges than he does now in Philadelphia. In Pearl he used to devote his Wednesday lunch hour and a couple more hours on Sunday to that.

However, Dobbs says that many

missionaries don't realize that it is often cheaper for him to make an interstate call, than for another ham operator to make an in-state call. For example, he might be able to phone Phoenix, Ariz., cheaper than an operator in Arizona could make the same call.

The stories of helping are numerous — simply because he can get things done on a local basis easier than a missionary in a foreign country can do. For instance, Betty Hart, from Sandy Hook, Miss., a social work missionary in Antofagasta, Chile, radioed Dobbs for medicine for a cancer patient. The medicine was scarce.

"I checked some hospitals, found some; they let me have part of it and ordered more. I got it into the mail that afternoon and was able to get her some more," says Dobbs, fiddling with the knobs of his set, trying to get through to Quito, Ecuador.

The Quito transmission was impossible because of bad conditions. He was to have set up a phone patch between Garrett Joiner in Quito, and Dottie Gilbert on leave in Jackson. They'll have to talk another day.

Dottie and James Gilbert, missionaries to people in Nororiental, Ecuador — deep in the Amazon jungle, depend heavily on their amateur radio set while at their isolated station. Gilbert, currently on furlough, is working on the stewardship staff of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as missionary in residence.

Gilbert got to know Dobbs when Gilbert's former Jackson radio contact, Jim Smith, moved from Raymond to Mendenhall and recommended Dobbs as a replacement. Now every time

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## Zambia Youth Rallies Register 600 Decisions

LUSAKA, Zambia (BP) — The second phase of the 1977 Zambia Baptist crusades has been completed with 643 decisions for Christ recorded, including more than 300 professions of faith.

Sixty-three youth rallies were led by 75 Zambian Baptist youth and 11 students from Baptist Student Union organizations in Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi, according to Franklin A. Kilpatrick, Southern Baptist missionary press representative. Fred M. Allen, a Southern Baptist missionary assigned to music and youth work in Zambia, directed both teams.

The two groups combined to sing,

give testimonies, preach sermons and engage in personal witnessing in churches, schools, colleges and public places. They visited four different provinces during the month-long project and sang on radio and TV programs, in addition to making cassette recordings for distribution.

Sunday School leadership clinics were conducted during the first phase of the 1977 emphasis, and the third phase will be revival meetings during September in all 80 Zambian Baptist churches, with guest evangelists and musicians from the United States and other African countries taking part.

During the banquet, there was a special recognition of Thurman Bryant's ministry. Before Bryant's death, he was a foster missionary for Humphreys and Sharkey-Issaquena Associations.

Two years ago 17 associations which did not have full or part time missionaries were in the foster missionary

program. Now, nine of those have employed a full or part time missionary. Only one association in the state currently has no one in any program. However, according to Ray Grisett of the board staff, that association is making initial steps to get into the foster missionary program. "And for the first time in Mississippi, every association will have a local mission resource person," says Grisett.

That's what the foster missionary program is all about — giving each local Baptist association a local mission resource person. Each foster missionary gives one day a month to that association to help in such activities as: planning an annual calendar of events, planning the associational annual meeting, producing a newsletter for pastors, staff and church program directors, plan or conduct church program training conferences, and develop mission outreach.

Foster missionary certificates were awarded to: Norman O'Neal, Yazoo (eight years, Warren (three years); Therman Bryant, Humphreys, Sharkey-Issaquena (1966-77); J. C. Mitchell, Chickasaw; Leon Emery (1964-74); Richard A. Pass, Franklin; Guy Culver, Tate; and J. D. Lundy, Sunflower (two years), Leflore (two years).

Outstanding moderator certificates were given to: Hugh Poole, Noxubee; R. S. McCrory, Noxubee; Ray Walters, Clay; Horace Carpenter, Franklin; Roy Myers, Tate; Charles Nestor, Tate; James T. McNeely, Sharkey-Issaquena; Lewis Kellum, Tallahatchie; Thomas Wicker, Chickasaw; Harold Anderson, Franklin; Tommy Arinder, Humphries; Joe McKeever, Lowndes; and Ben Bennett, Yazoo.

Outstanding achievement certificates in various areas of foster missionary work were given to: Florie Faust, Quitman; Quitman Associational Council members: S. R. Woodson, Lowndes; Dan Thompson, Choctaw; Joyce Johns, Chickasaw; Syble

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## Baptist Executives, Educators Pack State Convention Program

budget figure for eight months of \$5.6 million. They did, however, reduce the deficit from \$479,142 to \$395,311.

"New records are always thrilling," said Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, "and when it is an all-time record high in giving for missions causes, it is especially thrilling." He added, "Our Bold Missions emphasis during the remainder of this century will require the best that is in us — spiritually, physically, and financially. Mississippi Baptists will be contributing their share."

"The Cooperative Program is missions," he concluded, "and August was the best month in our entire history. Only eternity will reveal what this has meant in world-wide witness in the name of Christ."

## "Listening" Is Adult Women's Retreat Theme

"Listening" is the theme of a Baptist Women Retreat set for Sept. 30-Oct. 1, at Camp Garaway.

The retreat features Mrs. W. C. Tyler of Bloue Mountain College and Mrs. Robert Holifield, missionary to Italy. Mrs. Tyler will teach the book, *The Listening Woman*. The program begins at 1 p.m. Friday and ends at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Registration fee of \$2.50 must be paid to the Woman's Missionary Union, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. Deadline for registration is Sept. 15.

Articles needed during the retreat are: Bible, sheets, pillowcase, towels, and toilet articles.

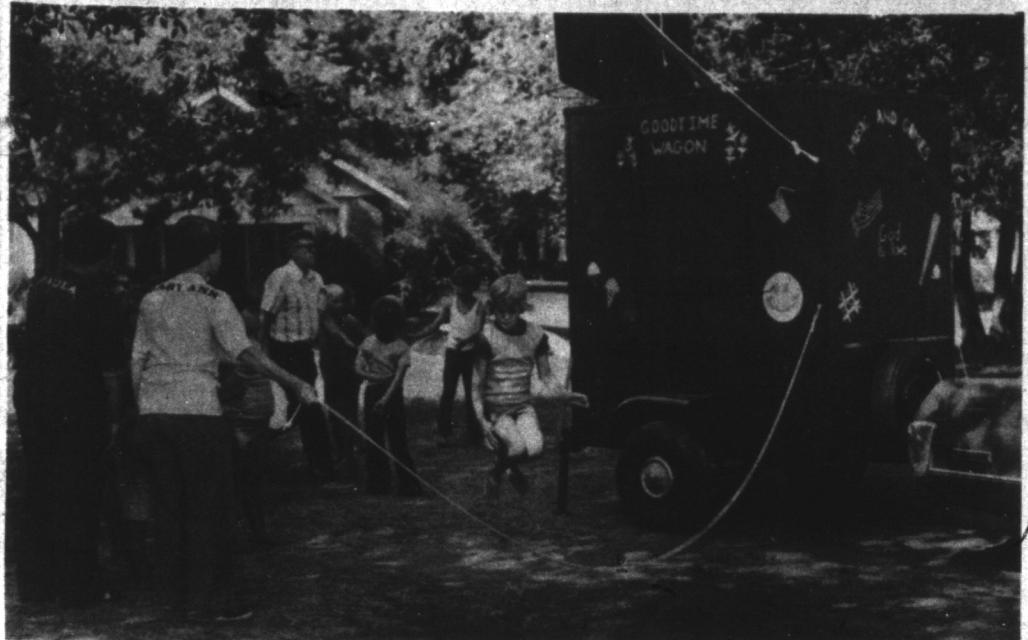
## Commission Urges TV Packet Use

J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission, has called attention to the packet being mailed to pastors and other church leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention that is designed to aid families in evaluating television programming.

Hensley said: "The Christian Action Commission would encourage widespread use of the excellent guidelines and materials produced by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in responding to objectionable programming on television. It is hoped that the recent trends of television programmers to portray extreme violence and illicit sex as normal life styles may be reversed."

The declining morals being depicted appeal to the lowest common denominator of public interest. The new fall series being proposed by ABC-TV entitled "Soap" has become a symbol of this new low. Many concerned citizens feel it is time to draw the line.

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## Gamewagon Keeps Things Jumping

A Gamewagon served as part of a ministry to more than 100 children this summer in Union County (Story on page 2). (Frank Lay Photo)

## Cooperative Program

## August Receipts Set New Missions Record

The \$783,831 in Cooperative Program receipts received in the offices of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for August made that month the best one ever in Mississippi Baptist Convention history for missions giving.

The August income for this year was 62.9 per cent more than the receipts for August of 1976, when the amount was \$481,214. The 1977 receipts were \$302,617 above those of a year ago. The August of 1977 income was 9.3 per cent of the total budget of \$8.4 million for 1977.

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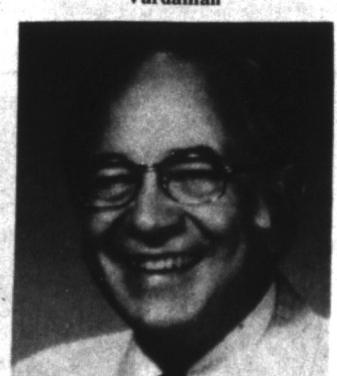
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## Association Training Classes Set

The six associational officers training conferences, spread over the state meet next week, Sept. 12, offers the meetings at First Baptist Churches at Wiggins and Tupelo; Sept. 13 at First Churches of Brookhaven and Batesville; and Sept. 15, they will be at First Churches of Yazoo City and Newton.

Grady C. Cothen, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will be among featured speakers during the Nov. 15-17 meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson.

Cothen, a native of Poplarville, Miss., will be joined in the program for the annual meeting of the convention by biblical archaeology authority Jerry Vardaman; Baptist Annuity Board president Darold H. Morgan; and Christian Life Commission Executive Secretary Foy Valentine.

Vardaman, a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, has been the recipient of five honorary degrees from Baptist colleges in various states. He has been the Sunday School Board's chief executive since February, 1975. Prior to that, he was president of New Orleans Seminary from 1970-74 and was president of Oklahoma Baptist University from 1966-70. From 1961-66, he was executive secretary-treasurer for California Baptists. Before that, he was pastor of churches in Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Alabama.

He has written a work concerning all inscriptions relating to King Herod of Judea and all his descendants. Plus, he is working on a volume concerning Paul the Apostle in the light of archaeological research.

Vardaman, a graduate of Baylor University and holds the doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Seminary.

In 1967, while pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, Morgan was elected a trustee of the Annuity Board.

In 1969, he was elected chairman of the trustees. He joined the staff as senior vice president in 1971 and in 1972, became chief executive of the organization.

Morgan has served pastorate in Texas and in Alabama.

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# Agricultural Missionaries In Africa Examine Tasks

By Ruth Fowler

LIMURU, Kenya (BP) — Southern Baptist agricultural missionaries of eastern and southern Africa met recently to examine their philosophies of agricultural missions and their evangelistic task.

"This could well be the most important single conference ever held by Southern Baptists on the African continent," said John R. Cheyne, Southern Baptist missionary field representative to eastern Africa. Cheyne is serving this year on special assignment as associate coordinator of hunger relief and disaster response at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.

In explaining his statement Cheyne pointed to the 65 million persons suf-

ferring from malnutrition on the African continent and to the growing desire by some governments for missionaries to justify their presence in terms of social welfare.

Davis L. Saunders, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for eastern and southern Africa, considered the conference important in terms of the communication between missionaries about philosophy, methods and purposes.

Both Cheyne and Saunders see an insufficient food supply as a major problem for the future of Africa.

"Agricultural missionaries will continue to wrestle with the problem of how best to help the people of Africa to feed themselves," Saunders said.

The 400 million people of Africa are primarily agrarian, Cheyne states,

with some tough problems facing them. He cited the changing weather patterns as one cause of drought and the subsequent starvation. Changing from traditional crops to ones that are more drought resistant is slow. Cheyne said, and planning for agricultural projects on a national scale is difficult because of the village living.

P. Vaughn Ross, Southern Baptist missionary working in public health administration, presented a study of one area of farming in East Africa. There the average farm family consists of eight persons, living on four acres of land and cultivating only two of those four acres.

Most of the farming done is subsistence farming which meets only the needs of the farm family and produces no cash crops to be taken to market. Modern methodology using fertilizer, insecticides and high quality seeds is not practiced on a wide scale.

Cheyne also pointed out that agriculture-based economies of African nations tend to offer little support to the farmers during a bad year, and with the exception of Kenya, Rhodesia, and South Africa, there is relatively little industrialization in eastern and southern Africa.

In some countries government money that could be spent on development of agriculture is spent instead on what Cheyne called "prestige projects," like a national airline.

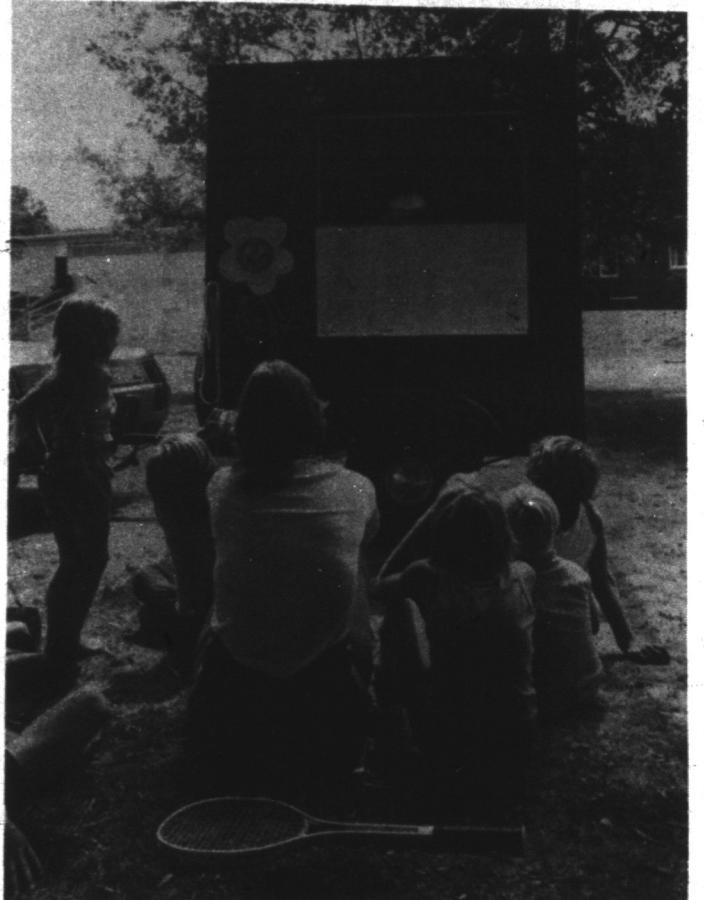
Facing these problems and keeping in front the primary goal of evangelism, the agricultural missionaries brought forth several recommendations, most of them centered around needed career missionaries, broader use of volunteers and future conferences.

"The primary emphasis was on the fact that agricultural missionaries are witnesses," said Saunders, "both by what they do and what they say."

"There is an overwhelming sentiment that evangelism is their first purpose," Cheyne agreed. "There is a growing conviction that we are all evangelists and even the man who is assigned to general evangelism is really a specialist in leadership training or church development. Whereas, the agricultural missionary is an evangelist who is a specialist in agriculture."

Present for the meeting were 11 agriculturalists, two veterinarians, a public health administrator, and an engineer who specializes in village level technology, plus various guests and board officials.

More than one-third of all the agricultural missionaries under appointment by the board serve in eastern and southern Africa and were present at the meeting. More agricultural missionaries have been appointed by the board during the last three years than in all the previous years combined.



Kids give attention to a puppet show. (Frank Lay Photo)

## Gamewagon Is Summer Attraction For Kids

An experimental mission program was conducted this summer by Union County Baptist Association. The experiment consisted of the building of a "gamewagon" to attract children for ministry.

The gamewagon, an idea suggested by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as a result of similar programs in other states such as Texas, was built by Guy Culver, missions director, and Bobby Cobb. The Keownville Brotherhood painted the wagon and the "Goodtime Gang" a group of young summer volunteers, did the lettering.

It has windows on each side for serving refreshments and giving puppet shows. And it was equipped with hula hoops, jump ropes, bats, balls, gloves, frisbees, a basketball, basketball hoop, and puppets.

Three mornings each week for the entire summer, the volunteers took the wagon to area parks for games, refreshments, and biblically oriented puppet shows. They also conducted two backyard Bible clubs which were sponsored by Clark Street Baptist Mission and Northside Baptist Church.

Volunteers included Marsha and Sandra Culver, Paula Hill, Steve Bennett, Terri Hendrix, and Mary Anne Hickey.

Total financial outlay for this project was estimated to be \$365 which

## "Soap" Is Laundered But Remains Polluted

NASHVILLE (BP) — ABC-TV has run "Soap" through the wash, but two Southern Baptist leaders who have seen the laundered episodes of the controversial new show claim it is still "prime-time pollution," and they promise to accelerate their agency's nationwide protest against the comedy series which is scheduled to premiere Sept. 13.

In a letter to ABC-TV president Fred Pierce, Foy Valentine and Harry N. Hollis Jr. of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission called for cancellation of the "morally objectionable program" and reiterated their belief that "Soap" is "vulgar" and "in bad taste" and that it is "sex miseducation" and an "assault on family life."

"The problem is not that 'Soap' deals with sex but that it treats sex in an irresponsible manner," the letter states. "It irresponsibly laughs at and shamelessly exploits the tragedies of adultery, homosexuality, impotence, incest, crime and senility."

ABC, which has tagged the show "adult comedy," revised portions of the first two segments after widespread protest from ABC affiliates and advertisers as well as a number of religious leaders who were allowed to preview the promotional videotapes.



Ray Grissett holds discussion on improving communications within a foster missions program.

## Banquet Honors Leaders

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"The Christian Life Commission initiated action at the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City and in a studied response to the unanimous Convention approval, has brought to the churches some very positive suggestions. It is now up to each pastor and church to implement the answer to the question 'What can we do?'"

Glorieta, N. M. — A record attendance of more than 3,000 college students and workers highlighted the 25th annual Student Conference, Aug. 13-19, at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center. This number is the largest attendance in history for a six-day conference, according to Larry Haslam, conference manager.

Lowndes.

A special certificate for being author and leader of the foster missionary program in Mississippi was given to Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department, which oversees the program.

Bill and Jill Baker of First Baptist Church in Clinton, entertained at the banquet.



Dr. and Mrs. Cannata

Bobbye Hill Photo

## Cannatas Return To U.S. Following Imprisonment

Sixteen days of imprisonment in Ethiopia were simply "training for reigning" and a part of God's plan to prepare His people, according to Southern Baptist missionary physician Samuel R. J. Cannata.

The physician spent 16 days in jail in Addis Ababa last April on a firearms technicality during a general move against foreign interests in the African nation. He was released on April 19 and

all charges dropped after news of his flight drew the interest and prayers of Southern Baptists and other Christians around the world.

Cannata and his wife, the former Ginny Currey, a native of Greenville, Miss., and their children are on leave in the United States to assist their oldest son in getting settled in college and to write a book about their experiences. They plan to return to Kenya in December.

## Ham Hobby Is Ministry

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Gilbert comes home, he speaks in Dobbs' church.

At times when Dottie's mother and father had massive heart attacks, Gilbert says Dobbs "made that schedule every time to let us know what was happening." A schedule is an appointment to meet on the airwaves at a certain time.

Gilbert says that when one of his daughters caught polio in Ecuador and her mother had to bring her home for treatment "I could not have stayed on the field without that radio."

"Having contact and knowing what was being done, I was able to continue on the field. It's been a real blessing to us, I'll tell you."

Rockmart, Ga. (BP) — Mrs. Neel Aldredge Tiller was ordained to the ministry at First Baptist Church here. She will become principle chaplain at Hazelwood Hospital, a facility for mentally retarded and multiple handicapped persons in Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Tiller is married to Darryl Tiller of Amarillo, Tex., also a Southern Seminary alumnus, who will seek a pastorate in the Louisville area.

## 13 ABC Stations Refuse 'Soap,' Commission Says

NASHVILLE (BP) — Thirteen ABC affiliated stations located in 10 different states will not broadcast the Sept. 13 opening episode of "Soap," the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has learned.

The commission's list includes WYUR, Huntsville, and WKAB, Montgomery, Ala.; WJCL, Savannah, Ga.; WBAK, Terre Haute, Ind.; KDUB, Dubuque, Iowa, and KTOV, Ottumwa, Iowa; WJZ, Baltimore, Md.; WABG, Greenwood, Miss.; WCCB, Charlotte, and WRAL, Raleigh, N.C.; WOLO, Columbia, S.C.; WBBJ, Jackson, Tenn.; and WOKW, Huntington, W. Va.

In addition, the commission said that approximately 12 stations which have joint affiliation with ABC and another network will not air the controversial new show either because it is unacceptable or because it conflicts with other programs.

Earlier, the Christian Life Commission reported the names of 10 of 11 reported sponsors of "Soap" who told the commission they will not sponsor the show — at least temporarily. Reports indicate that at least the first episode is not fully sponsored.

Although ABC officials have predicted excellent ratings for the adult comedy series, "Soap" has drawn the wrath of a wide cross section of religious groups, led by the Christian Life Commission and the United States Catholic Conference.

Others joining in the protest include 10 members of a national "No Soap Coalition" and three recent additions — the National Council of Churches, the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church.

Commission officials Foy Valentine and Harry N. Hollis Jr., who sent letters to every ABC affiliate asking them to cancel "Soap," praised station officials who have chosen to drop the show.

"We believe the managers of these stations have properly sensed the convictions of their viewers and we com-

mend them for exercising responsible programming." They say they will continue to urge Southern Baptists to express disapproval to local stations, advertisers and the network, if and when "Soap" is aired.

According to the commission, many station managers have indicated a willingness to replace "Soap" with different programming if audience reaction is predominantly negative.

I once heard a very great man say that any deed worth doing or any institution worthy of survival must have a compound of three ingredients: A plan, a power and a prayer. — JOSEPH A. BATCHELOR: INDIANA FREEMASON

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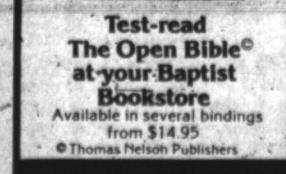
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# Foreign Mission Product Studies To Go Back Home

By Duann Kier

"Now I want you to know I'm the product of missionaries, a product of what you've given to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering year after year," reports Dewi Williams, white south African student at Mississippi College.

Dewi was born in Bulawayo, Rhodesia, a former British colony, but his parents were originally from Wales. His father, who died this past year, was working for a commercial bank in Wales when the bank began branching out to the British colonies. Dewi's father followed his job to Canada, but left due to the extreme coldness, and finally settled in Rhodesia.

Just as Dewi was finishing high school, his parents began a two year trip around the world. Dewi went to work in South Africa during those two years. "I had some very harsh experiences, bitter experiences . . . but I learned a lot and . . . it put me straight."

Dewi returned to Rhodesia and joined a government training program in land surveying, and also spent his required time in the Rhodesian army. In 1967 he met his wife Felicity. "Her name means 'happiness' in Latin," he articulates in an accent making one almost think he's from Australia.

Felicity was born in Zambia, but later became a Rhodesian citizen when her parents moved to Rhodesia. Her widowed mother had remarried a Baptist, and the man was instrumental in leading his new wife and stepdaughter to Christ.

Felicity asked Dewi to start going to church with her, and he also went to some youth fellowships. "They really meant a lot to me," he emphasizes. "I came to know the Lord in February of that year (1967) at 22 years of age. That was ten years ago."

The land surveying job with all of its

traveling didn't really encourage marriage, so Dewi took a town planning job in South West Africa.

"It's amazing how we got to South West Africa," Dewi remarks. "They asked if I could start to work immediately, but I told them I had to give three months notice. Within a week they sent a telegram telling me I had the job and they'd wait the three months. If that wasn't strange enough, they even sent us \$1,000 to cover moving costs!"

In South West Africa there was a Baptist fellowship just starting, soon to be the first Baptist church in South Africa. When Dewi came, there were only 24 Baptists in the whole country. The Foreign Mission Board expressed interest in the field, and in July 1968 they sent Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitson as missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. John Schoolar from Louisville, Miss., took over when the Whitsons were on their one year furlough.

Since 1972 Dewi had been taking some correspondence courses from London Bible Institute. "I knew I had been called to preach," Dewi declares, "but I didn't know much about it. Being chairman of the deacons didn't give me much qualifications."

John Schoolar advised Dewi to go to college, but African universities didn't offer much in the area of religion. He then advised Dewi to look into American colleges, and after rejections from numerous others, Dewi and his family moved to Clinton where he enrolled at Miss. College. Three sons had been born in South West Africa: Gareth (8), Aaron (6), and Duane (4).

Finances first came from savings and etc., but many Mississippi churches began inviting him to speak and to show his slides. A group from FBC Jackson also began helping out with a check each month, plus paying for the recent hospital bill he had from his attack of pneumonia.

"People said they had had missionaries come speak, but had never really seen any living results of them until me. They had never had anyone say thank you."

Three churches called Dewi to be their pastor. "I didn't really know what to do, especially when I thought about a roof over our head and a steady income. But people told me the ministry I was already doing was better than going to just one church. The Lord told me 'no' to each call."

"Around this time the college asked me if I'd like to be a manager of some of the apartments they sponsored in exchange for my rent. The Lord had confirmed us not moving to a church."

According to Dewi, South West Africa has planned Dec. 31, 1978 as the date of independence from South Africa. There is a Constitutional Conference of South West Africa drafting a constitution with the help of different individual groups, "but the United Nations has recognized only the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), the guerrilla group."

Even though a political group, the constitutional conference sends out a prayer letter every six weeks. "Pray for this group of people who are trying to gain freedom, and doing it in the right spirit," Dewi asks.

Dewi will graduate from MC in May, and then start at New Orleans Seminary in June. He plans to continue his training in the area of Christian education. Charles Whitson's main interest had been in building a Sunday School first and then building a church (out of all the people in South Africa who go to church, only 7% go to Sunday School).

By 1974 the first Baptist church in South West Africa had 160 in Sunday School, even though there were only 100 members of the church. The Sunday School had become tri-lingual, being taught in English, German, and Afrikaans.

With Dewi's religious training skill five different languages, plus the experience he already has in Africa, he feels the Lord's call will be to go back home.

"A church has tremendous potential if it really teaches its people. There's a big difference between preaching and teaching."

"Having this religious emphasis in teaching has impressed me so much that I see a tremendous need in southern Africa for this. And this is what I hope to do."

(Miss Kier, served as summer intern for the Baptist Record)



The Williams Family

## Costa Rica Mission Elects Mississippian

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — Jo (Mrs. Don) Redmon has been elected 1977-78 executive committee president of the

**Costa Rica Mission**  
(organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) here.

Besides Mrs. Redmon of Pontotoc County, Miss., two other women were elected to key positions on the five-member committee: Peggy (Mrs. Bob) Compton of Spartanburg County, S. C., will serve as vice president, and Frances (Mrs. Sydney) Goldfinch of Great Falls and Columbia, S. C., is secretary.

Elected as treasurer was Don Redmon of Panama City, Fla. Bob Compton of Haywood County, N. C., will be program planning coordinator.

## Seminars Cancelled

*The Christian Action Seminars listed in the diary for 1977 for the week of September 26 have been canceled.*

Thursday, September 8, 1977

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## Our Missions Task

### "All Nations . . ."

By John Alexander,

Stewardship Department

In looking at "All Nations in the Purpose of God," we come to the book of Malachi. Written after the exile when the people returned in "great affliction and distress," Malachi writes to a nation following a painful and humiliating experience in the furnace of affliction. This experience was a blessing in many respects, as it cured them of idolatry and produced some outward repentance as the tears, which they shed at Ezra's exposition of the law, would indicate. However, they fell into an ungrateful, murmuring, self-righteous spirit, the germs of Pharisaism and Sadduceeism, which was full-blown in the time of Jesus. The book is principally of a threatening character.

Malachi turns first to the priests, threatening them with severe punishment for their open contempt of the law, and unfaithfulness in office. Soon it would be "like priest — like people." Secondly, he rebukes those who divorced their Jewish wives to marry heathen women. He rebukes the irreligion of the people: their denial of God's justice, and withholding tithes and offerings.

Hardly had the last words of the Old Testament died upon the ear, "The Angel of the Covenant, — Elijah the Prophet," when John the Baptist, standing at the threshold of the New Testament, echoes the voice of Malachi, crying in the wilderness, "I am the voice . . . as it is written in the Prophet, Behold, I send my messenger, before my face, which shall prepare thy way before me." Malachi predicts to Israel that a Gentile priesthood would supersede them.

Malachi 3:2; 4:1,5 and Matthew 3:2; 4:17 talk about the day of the Lord and call for repentance because the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!

Malachi 3:1 and Matthew 11:10 predict the messenger who is identified as John the Baptist.

Malachi 4:5 predicts Elijah and in Matthew 11:14 Jesus says John the Baptist is that one.

Malachi 3:1 mentions the Messenger of the Covenant and in Matthew 26:28 Jesus identifies "... my blood of the covenant."

In calling on the people to return to the Lord so He could return unto them, Malachi tells them how to return. "Will a man rob God? yet ye rob me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob me, even this whole nation."

How were the people to prove their repentance and return to God? "Bring ye the whole tithe into the store-house . . ." (Malachi 3:10).

What would be the result of their repentance and return? "... if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it . . . I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes . . . neither shall your wine cast its fruit before the time in the field . . . and all nations shall call you happy; for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith Jehovah of hosts" (Malachi 3:11-12).

The results of repentance and obedience in giving are (1) God's blessings upon their efforts to make a living and (2) a witness to "all nations" of God's graciousness.

The last great revival that must come before we are successful in sharing the gospel with every living person in the world is the revival of Christian stewardship. It will prove the sincerity of our love for God and provide the means to send the Word of God to "all nations."

(To be continued)

## At Glorieta

## Joint Week Planned For Church Leaders

GLORIETA, N. M. — Sunday School

and church training leaders can receive training in both program areas during Joint Week this fall at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Oct. 24-28.

Joint conferences will be offered for all age groups each morning, led by Sunday School and church training personnel, to study basics that apply to both program areas, such as how to teach, how to work with a certain age group and how to deal with the needs of the age group.

Special interest conferences will be offered during the afternoon, along with other church training and Sunday School conferences. The special interest conferences, from one to three days, will include Working with the Mentally Retarded, Covenant Fellowship Emphasis, Sunday School in a Small Church, Church Training in a Small Church and Utilizing Retired Persons in Leadership Roles.

Reaching and Teaching People/Growing Disciples will be the theme of the week, which begins with

dinner on Monday and concludes at noon on Friday.

Dick Maples, pastor of First Church, El Paso, Tex., will be the pastor for the week and Harlan Hall, minister of music at First Church, Longview, Tex., will lead the music.

A total of 800 persons can be accepted for the training week, due to the use of winter accommodations only.

The preschool building will be open for morning and afternoon conference periods. Parents will need to make individual arrangements for care of preschoolers during evening worship services. No arrangements will be made for children or youth since schools will be in session during the conference.

Cost for room and board during the conference will be the same as for summer conferences, but the conference services fee will be less due to fewer days.

Reservations may be made by writing to Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, P. O. Box 8, Glorieta, N. M. 87535.

## Baptist World Congress Sets Dates, Program Team

WASHINGTON — Dates for the 14th Baptist World Congress in Toronto have been definitely set for July 8-13, 1980. Earlier reports had listed the date simply "the week of July 6-13."

Warren R. Magnuson, chairman of the program committee, said that the congress will open Tuesday evening, July 8, with a historical pageant noting the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Baptist World Alliance (London, 1905). It will close on Sunday with worship services in churches throughout the Toronto area.

These and other details became firm when the congress program committee was officially organized the week of BWA General Council meetings in Miami Beach, Florida.

BWA President David Y. K. Wong,

who had earlier asked Magnuson to serve as chairman, named the following other members of the committee: Roy D. Bell and David S. Simmonds, Canada; Arthur Kinyanjui, Kenya; Mrs. Gustavo A. Parajon, Nicaragua; Jose dos Reis Pereira, Brazil; Michal Stankiewicz, Poland; G. N. Vose, Australia; Knud Wumpelmann, Denmark; and Mrs. Lawrence S. Casazza, Warren Hultgren, William A. Jones, William R. Reynolds, Bruce Rich, and Hugh Smith of the USA.

Ed Seabough, also of the USA, was named consultant, and Helen R. Wright, secretary. President Wong and General Secretary Robert S. Denny will serve ex officio.

In one of its first actions, the committee elected William R. Reynolds, secretary of the church music de-

partment of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, USA, to be music director for the congress. This will be his fifth time as music director at world Baptist meetings, beginning at the Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto in 1958. He was in full charge of music at congresses in Rio de Janeiro 1960 and in Stockholm 1975.

Plenary sessions of the congress will meet at Maple Leaf Gardens, a 20,000 seat sports arena near the city center. Smaller group meetings will be held in nearby hotels and school dormitories.

A "World Fellowship Celebration" will be staged Wednesday afternoon on the campus of the University of Toronto, aimed at helping delegates from all continents to become acquainted early in the congress week.

Bible study, group meetings, panel discussions and music features are slated in addition to addresses by international Baptist leaders. Magnuson said that his committee invites suggestions for a congress program theme and Scripture, and also seeks names of people from various nations who might contribute to the program. Suggestions should be addressed to him in care of the BWA, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, USA.

BWA officials anticipate a minimum of 20,000 congress participants from 90 countries, though some say that the location in North America may attract twice that number of registrants. About 19,000 registered for the 1965 congress in Miami Beach, the last time a congress has met in North America. A total of 8500 registered for the 1970 congress in Tokyo and 10,000 for the 1975 congress in Stockholm.

## In Clinton

## Seminary Extension Offers Five Courses

The Mississippi College Seminary Extension Center is offering five courses this fall.

According to Eugene Farr, director of the center at 203 Lakeview, Clinton, classes will run from Sept. 19-Nov. 15. Two of the courses will meet on Monday evenings; three on Tuesdays. All courses meet from 7-9 p.m. each week.

The Monday courses are: Survey of First Ten Books of the Old Testament; and Study of the Book of Exodus. Tuesday courses are: Study of Life and Work of Pastor in Relation to the Church's Mission; Fundamentals of Music; and Educational Administration: A Study of Education as a Church Function.

Classes are open to anyone age 16 and older. Cost is \$12 per course and textbooks may be purchased at the center. College credit may be earned.

For additional information, contact Farr at the above address, zip code: 39056; or phone him at 924-6527.

For information on the other 18 Seminary Extension Centers spread over Mississippi, contact the Cooperative Ministries Department of the Mis-

issippi Baptist Convention Board, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. A number of courses are offered through seminary extension by home study.

(Miss Kier, served as summer intern for the Baptist Record)

## Rural Evangelism Conference Scheduled For September

and revival evangelism.

The conference has no registration fee and the only cost is room and board.

"It is important to magnify the role of the small church pastor," Carter emphasized. "We've got 23,000 churches which have 300 or less members. These pastors must feel they are doing God's will — not on a stepping stone to a larger church."

C. B. Hogue, director of the HMB Evangelism Section, said, "Pastors in these rural churches need training, motivation and the knowledge that we care about them and their work. We do

care and we're not only tell them that; we're showing them with this conference.

"Evangelization (one of the two Bold Mission Thrust emphases) means rural as well as city," Hogue emphasized. "The constituency of the rural church is changing from farm-oriented persons to sophisticated city dwellers with new educational and social interests. We must help the rural church adapt."

Reaching and Teaching People/Growing Disciples will be the theme of the week, which begins with

## Hinds/Madison Schedules Area Literacy Workshop Sept. 19-23

A literacy workshop to train persons to teach non-readers will be held Sept. 19-23 at Alta Woods Church, Jackson. Mrs. H. R. McFarland, Home Mission Board approved instructor of literacy training, will conduct the sessions.

Mrs. Brenda Myers, director, Literacy Ministry, Hinds-Madison Association, states that this training will prepare each adult to teach, one to one, another adult or school age child to read by the Laubach method encouraged by the Home Mission Board.

Duplicate morning (8:30-12 a.m.) and evening (6:30-9:30 p.m.) sessions will be conducted. A pre-registration

fee of \$10, along with an indication of which session will be attended, can be mailed to the Hinds-Madison Baptist Association, Box 4686, Jackson, MS 39216. This registration fee will cover the cost of all printed materials needed by participants.

David Myers, director of Christian Social Ministries for Hinds-Madison Association which is sponsoring the workshop, said that there are more than 100,000 adults in Mississippi who are functional illiterates (persons 25 or older with fourth grade or less education).

For additional information about the workshop call the association office (362-8676), or Mrs. Brenda Myers (372-5160), or Linda Soles (924-9436).

"Beyond the possibility of helping adults to read," he said, "are pos-

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## Editorials

Teamwork Pays...

## Budget Reflects Stewardship

In spite of an inflation figure pegged at 6.88 per cent by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the board will recommend to the Mississippi Baptist Convention a budget for 1978 that is only 2.8 per cent more than the budget goal for 1977.

This is an amazing exercise in responsible stewardship that surely is to be commended. It is all the more amazing when one considers the tremendous teamwork and cooperation that went into arriving at a final budget figure that reflects no more of an increase than \$236,000 for 1978 over the 1977 budget. That includes the advance portion of the 1978 budget, which is a \$274,000 figure to be distributed to six causes only if the basic budget is

met. The 1978 basic budget of \$8,362,000 is only \$62,000 more than the basic budget for 1977 of \$8.3 million.

The teamwork, cooperation, and coordination required to come up with a workable budget of such nature in the face of inflation included the executive secretary-treasurer, the department directors and agency heads, the budget committee, and the convention board. Mississippi Baptists can rest assured that these individuals and groups are highly interested in the responsible use of the missions money channeled through the offices of the Convention Board.

It must be pointed out, however, that the fact that the 1977 budget probably

will not be met is no cause for alarm. This became apparent in April, and readjustment measures were immediately put into action. And while the budget goal seems far away, 1977 is still the greatest year in history for Cooperative Program gifts in Mississippi. Through July the total for the year was substantially above 1976, and August of this year has seen the largest monthly total in history. Projection for the year is an 8 per cent increase.

Earl Kelly, the executive secretary-treasurer, told the members of the Convention Board on Aug. 29, "Don't go away with a defeated attitude. Our flags are flying high. We've just got to keep our priorities right."

Central Hills...

## Temporarily Delayed

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board came to grips with an agonizing decision on Monday of last week relative to the development of Central Hills Baptist Retreat.

The board decision was to delay further development of the retreat grounds until more funds are available, and the board members are to be commended for their wisdom. Further, Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, and Levon Moore, the Central Hills development committee chairman, along with Paul Harrell, director of the Brotherhood Department, are to be commended for their foresight and courage in recommending that such a decision be made.

In Baptist life, for some reason, once a course has been set it is next to impossible to stop it, slow it up, or change directions. Yet in this instance there came a need to give thought to altering a course that had been charted.

There is no doubt that the time will come when Central Hills will be a very valuable asset to the work of the Brotherhood Department and to many other areas of life in Mississippi. Due to a number of totally unforeseen circumstances, however, the project could have been placed in a serious condition had not the pause been called in its development.

The need for a pause is not the fault of anyone or any group, certainly not the Central Hills Development Committee. The circumstances leading to

the need for this decision go back many months and involve many factors.

For instance, over the past 20 years there has been an average increase in Cooperative Program income through the state convention of more than 8 per cent. For the past four years the increase has been more than 11 per cent. It was during these past four years that plans and steps toward the development began to take shape. In April of this year, however, it began to be apparent that such increases would begin to level off, at least to go back to the 8 per cent pattern of the past 20 years.

Then the foe of all attempted planning, inflation, began to be felt and it became apparent that some \$300,000 more than estimated would be necessary for the final completion of the project.

The convention has a solid asset in the Kittiwake property on the coast, and its sale will make funds available for Central Hills. It takes time, however, to dispose of property worth a quarter of a million dollars; and it is not sold at this time. The Kittiwake assembly buildings were destroyed by Hurricane Camille in 1969.

The final and crowning blow could not have been anticipated in any way, nor could the problem in overcoming the blow be anticipated. This was the fire that finally destroyed the last building standing at Gulfshore As-

sembly grounds following the hurricane. That was the gymnasium. The foundation, the floor, the walls, and the girders for the ceiling had all been left intact following the hurricane; and the building was to have been renovated. During preparations for the renovation, however, fire destroyed the building. That brought on the necessity of starting all over and under the much more stringent building code of new construction.

No doubt, the fire will turn out to be a blessing in disguise; but in the meantime it is tying up a great deal of capital funds until insurance settlements can be effected. The two insurance companies involved, however, have been reluctant to determine which has the responsibility; and the board voted to enter a court suit to settle the matter.

So Central Hills development is pausing for the moment. It will begin again; and when it is completed, the retreat will be a marvelous facility.

It is much wiser to pause and wait until the time is right than to continue to move ahead and perhaps place the entire concept in jeopardy.

Incidentally, relative to Gulfshore,

in the account of the Convention Board meeting in last week's *Baptist Record*, mention was made that two dwellings on the property are to be remodeled. It should be added that the two houses are to be made into accommodations for staff workers.

Guest Editorial...

## Pastors Need Appreciation

Recently there was a big flap over the film *Jesus of Nazareth*. Before the film was shown on television the director, Franco Zeffirelli, was accused of trying to deny the deity of Jesus. As it turned out, the divinity of Jesus was quite paramount in the Biblical epic. However, Zeffirelli made a comment that reveals the awesome task of trying to put the life of Christ on film. He said, "I set out to make a film of the God-Man, an impossible task."

Certainly we believe in the Savior's deity, but we need to understand too that as God incarnate He was also man. This may tax our thinking but it is true. As ancient scholars would say, He was "very God, of very God" but He was also a human being. It would be good, and I think God intended it so, for

us to remember that Jesus comes close to us in the flesh. He was tempted in all points just like us — yet without sin.

Perhaps as we contemplate the life of Jesus and the way we view Him, it might help in our attitude toward preachers. Unfortunately, in looking at Jesus we usually see only the divine. The human part is skipped. But the Savior had feelings and emotions. The lashes on his back hurt, the nails brought pain, the tears he wept were real, and the grieving and suffering were exhausting. Likewise, when we contemplate a minister, our thoughts are so often trapped in an aura of spiritual ideas that we forget he is as human as anyone in his flock. A preacher mounts the podium, reads the Word of God and preaches the message of God, but he is still just flesh, bone and blood. He bleeds when he is cut, he aches and is beset with the emotional problems of fear, anxiety, guilt, jealousy and anger. A little girl had difficulty distinguishing between her pastor and God, for when she saw him coming up the walk she called to her mother, "Here comes God!" The point is that remembering the pastor is human will help a congregation be more appreciative of his efforts. For he is a person longing for recognition and understanding.

Your minister needs to know he is wanted and appreciated just like anyone else. Even a dog enjoys a pat of encouragement once in a while. As a pastor I so often wanted to shout, "I have needs too — I hurt." But I was afraid to let the troops know I was not the tower of strength they supposed. Most people I thought wouldn't understand, for they were geared to receiving from their spiritual leader rather than giving.

Now as editor of a state paper and having a panoramic view of many churches, I see how selfish and unap-

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Granted there is no way to adequately express appreciation for a faithful pastor. It is impossible to express thanks for what he does. How could anyone find the words to really thank a pastor for winning a member of a family to Christ and away from an eternity in hell? Where do you find sufficient words of gratitude that would convey appreciation for his vigil by your side as a loved one slips away to be with the Lord? The hours of counseling, the saving of marriages, the grief, the suffering, the heartache experienced by a dedicated pastor in performance of his calling is beyond any idea of compensation. Yet we can and should try without delay to make our gratitude known as much as possible.

A church can express appreciation to their pastor in various ways. Individual members should count it a privilege, joy and duty to congratulate the pastor on bringing a good message. It might be well to refrain from telling him he is a "warm" preacher, for he might interpret the remark as meaning he "isn't too hot." Nothing encourages a preacher more than to have his members appreciate his efforts in the pulpit. A sincere word here and there about his preaching will make a good preacher better and rejuvenate one that is hanging on the ropes.

Little remembrances about birthdays, anniversaries and other important dates grease the rails of life and make the train of existence roll a little

## Book Reviews

SINGLE by Marilyn McGinnis (Fleming, 157 pp., \$1.50) God has a plan for the single years and SINGLE tells how this happiness and fulfillment can be discovered.

REVELATION: THREE VIEW-POINTS by George R. Beasley-Murray, Herschel H. Hobbs, Ray F. Robbins with summary by David C. George (Broadman, 248 pp., \$6.95)

This book is derived from the Revelation Bible Conference in May, 1976 at Ridgecrest Conference Center. The three views presented are premillennialism by Dr. Beasley-Murray, amillennialism by Dr. Hobbs and apocalyptic by Dr. Robbins. The summary was written by Dr. George who points out the similarities and differences among the speakers.

## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Slow — Road Construction Ahead. Men At Work. Detour. Stop.

In five days I tried five ways of driving from Clinton to Jackson — Northside Drive, Old Vicksburg Road, Clinton Blvd., Highway 80, and I-20. For another five days I tried combinations and variations. Then I gave up. There's no way to drive that ten miles without seeing those road construction signs.

I don't like the delays that the signs signify, but I am grateful for the signs. Without them I expect I would be crashing into a lot more obstacles than I do with the warning signals.

In England I noticed that makers of road signs had used words simple enough for the first grader: Exit was Way Out; Yield was Give Way; and

Construction Ahead was Danger: Road Up.

The other day I ran across a press release from Antonina Canzoneri, missionary to the Bahamas. Antonina had given a brief resume of a sermon by Joseph L. Roberts, Jr., pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

When Roberts was guest speaker at the Quarterly Fellowship Rally of the Bahamas National Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention he preached on the topic, "Traveling Life's Roadway." He talked about road signs. Here is the gist of what he said, as condensed by Antonina:

"No U Turn. God saw humanity going in the wrong direction; Satan said, 'No U Turn.' But Jesus died so that I can turn around.

Watch Out — Deer Crossing. Just as deer continue their usual way to the water hole, regardless of construction of a road across their way, certain things happen inevitably, such as adversity and death. Yet when God has done something to us on the inside, it is inconsequential what happens on the outside.

Give Way — Merging Traffic. We must be concerned about learning how to live together. . . . God wants us to learn how to live with one another and be affectionate with one another.

Rest and Refreshment A Few Miles Ahead. I am glad I know somebody I can lay my burden on. Jesus said, "I will give you rest."



Jain Temple in Calcutta, India



Street Scene in Calcutta.



Knew How To Plod . . .

## Carey's Footprints Cover India

By Earl Kelly

Two months ago Mrs. Kelly, the Sigmans, and I landed on the western side of a large wedge of land between the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal, known to the world as India. Though we knew that ancient nation comprises a land area a little over a third the size of the United States and had the second largest population on the earth, we were not prepared for what we found. Its 600 million people are heirs to a

variety of customs, traditions, and religions that have been in the making thousands of years before the birth of Christ. India is the birthplace of Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism. Though the majority of people in India are Hindus, India has the third largest Muslim population in the world.

Tradition claims Christianity came to India earlier than almost anywhere else outside the Middle East. The Apostle Thomas is believed to have come to the South of India in the first century. During his visit in 1293 Marco Polo reported that he met Nestorian Christians in India. Later in 1544, Francis Xavier spent three months in Kerala and built a chapel there.

Wherever one turns he sees evidence that India is a religious nation. Buddhism with its emphasis on right conduct and nonviolence; Jainism with its call to salvation through nonviolence, righteous thought and deeds, and the sanctity of all living things; Sikhism, which places emphasis on the oneness of God and equality of all men; and Hinduism which teaches the oneness of the Supreme Soul, of which individual souls are but manifestations — all illustrate the spiritual hunger of the nation. Visible evidence of this hunger can be seen in the numberless Hindu structures along the Ganges and its tributaries: a Jain Temple set like a jewel in miniature landscaped gardens; the Dakshineshwar Temple with its 12 Shiva shrines; the Nakoba Mosque, where 10,000 pray in one large hall, the Brahman cattle wandering aimlessly everywhere enjoying "pride of place"; or the countless pilgrims bathing in the filthy Hooghly and Ganges are all displays of religious devotion.

To give a servant of the Lord a trip to the Holy Land, an unexpected vacation, a chance for furthering his education by a leave of absence will not only bless the pastor but the church as well. When we cast such bread upon the waters, it returns manyfold.

Looking back across the years, I think my heart was quickened more by those who promised to pray for me and my family than by anything else. The noblest way to express appreciation for a fellow Christian is to pray for him. In this regard we are all remiss and should be ashamed that we have been so unappreciative we have neglected to pray for those who diligently proclaim God's word.

The Bible gives us a vivid picture of an unappreciated prophet (I Kings 18, 19). Elijah defeated the atheistic Baal worshippers and should have been applauded for his victory by Queen Jezebel. But Jezebel, in cahoots with evil, was determined to eliminate Elijah! Apparently no one cared for his soul. Broken and defeated, Elijah made his way into the wilderness believing he was the only true prophet left. God found him and returned him to his place of service, but not before Elijah had tasted the bitterness of a non-caring and unappreciative people.

Elijah's footprints cover India. The Calcutta area, which had been founded by John Charnock, an employee of the East India Company, in 1690 was to become his base for the next 41 years. Those years were filled with trials and heartaches.

One of the greatest sources of heartache was his own family. His wife suffered from mental illness and died. He married again only to lose his second wife by death. Death also claimed one of his children. A man of

lesser faith would have given up and gone back to England; but Carey modestly said, "My only virtue is that I know how to plod."

Another source of anguish for Carey, as it was for Amy Carmichael, who arrived on the scene over 50 years later, was the inhumane practices he found in India. Widows were burned alive on the funeral pyres of their husbands; lepers were burned alive; and babies, especially female ones, were sometimes thrown into the Ganges River, which was considered sacred by their mothers.

It was in this setting that Carey began to plant the seeds of a faith which, if accepted by India, would bring all of India's other religious movements to a screeching halt — Christianity.

The plodder founded two daily newspapers (one is still the leading newspaper in Calcutta 170 years later); established Serampore College, where the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has supported a missionary teacher; led in the organization of churches; and translated all or parts of the Bible into 39 languages. Carey was the world's leading expert in the Sanskrit language and became a professor. All the money earned from the latter endeavor was poured into Serampore College. Though he could have become wealthy, he chose a lifestyle that required living expenses of only 30 rupees a month (about \$7.50) in present-day buying power.

When Adoniram Judson arrived in Calcutta, Carey burned his dedication into the life of America's first Baptist foreign missionary for a number of months. The War of 1812 required Judson to leave the British Colony and go to Burma with Carey's blessings. One hundred and fifty years after his death Carey's footprints are spread all over the wedge of land that comes between the wealthy Islamic oil sheikdoms of the Arabian Peninsula and the elephantine Buddhist kingdom of Thailand.

Because one man plodded, when plodding demanded ultimate sacrifice, there are today over 800,000 Baptists in India; and if we add the influence he had over Judson there are nearly 1,200,000 Baptists in India and Burma.

As I walked away from the front of the Carey Church in Calcutta I glanced back at Carey's tombstone which appears in English over the door: EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD: ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD.

I stopped and bowed my head in the midst of a throng of lost Indians and prayed aloud, "Please, God, help all of us Mississippi Baptists to do that!"

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# Seminary Awards \$1.6 Million Contract To Construct Physical Fitness Center

FORT WORTH, Tex. — Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary has awarded a \$1.6 million contract to the Walker Construction Company here to construct a multi-purpose recreation and physical fitness center.

The 40,000 square feet building will be the focal point for a 6½ acre activities area planned to the south of the new center. The new fitness center will be located southwest of the main campus at the corner of Frazier and Boyce Streets.

The one-level building of wall-bearing masonry construction with brick veneer is expected to be completed in late summer 1978.

When completed the building will contain a gymnasium with jogging track, a junior Olympic size swimming pool, four below ground handball / basketball courts, a large game - activities room, and a conversation area.

Also to be included is an exercise area, separate men's and women's locker areas with separate whirlpool and saunas, a classroom seating 100 students, and a building control area.

The center is designed to provide varied and flexible recreational and physical fitness programs for seminary students, faculty and staff, as well as their families.

Plans are also being developed to expand the seminary's curriculum with the new center. Courses of instruction to better train church recreation and youth ministers are being developed. Instruction is also expected to include courses in health care, physiology as well as a well rounded physical fitness program.

The new center is expected to be patterned after the Dallas-based Cooper Aerobics Center. Dr. Kenneth Cooper, Aerobics Center founder, served as a consultant to seminary officials as plans for the fitness center were developed.

The center was designed by Geren Associates, a Fort Worth architectural firm. Initial site preparation is being directed by Carter-Burgess Engineering Company.

Major construction funds for the center are derived from monies raised in the seminary's current "Eight by Eighty" campaign. A \$47,000 capital needs grant from the Southern Baptist Convention has been applied to con-

struction.

"The beginning of construction on this center represents the realization of a 65 year old dream," said seminary president Dr. Robert E. Naylor. "Every administration since the first

has recognized the need for this facility. But over the years the pressing priorities of additional educational space and student housing took precedence to meet the demands of ever increasing enrolments," he said.

**Sunday School Lesson: International For September 11**

## Living Responsibly In Society

By W. J. Fallis  
Titus 3: 1 Peter 2:13-17



Fallis

When a police officer is on duty, he wears a uniform. As serviceable clothing it protects him from bad weather and minor problems of his work. But the primary purpose of the uniform is to identify him as an official person concerned with safety and order in the community. It is a sign of responsibility. In

**The Lesson Explained**  
As Saved Persons, Live Peaceably  
(Titus 3:1-7)

Last Sunday's passage from the book of Titus dealt with the way Christians in Crete should behave within the church. This passage turned their attention to relationships outside the church. First, they were to obey the

civil authorities; that was basic to proving themselves mature and self-controlled. On the positive side, they must be ready to do "every good work" that would show them to be good citizens. They would not slander others or quarrel with them, but they would be gentle and courteous to all.

Then in verses 3-7 Paul summarized the reason for requiring that kind of behavior. Including himself, he reminded them of their pre-Christian life-style: once disobedient, easily fooled, enslaved by various "lusts and pleasures," committed to malice, and hateful to self and others. But then the love of God our Savior appeared; and he saved us, not by any of our good deeds, but by his mercy. It was symbolized in baptism and made real through the renewing power of the Spirit, who was "poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ" (v. 6, RSV). Thus, by grace made right with God, we can expect to inherit eternal life. Because we've been saved by God's grace, we are impelled to live peacefully in the community.

**Avoid Foolish Controversies**  
(Titus 3:8-11)

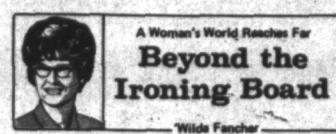
Before warning Titus about some troublemakers, Paul urged him to remain the believers to focus on doing good deeds because they are useful to others. In contrast, he warned Titus about some people who would like to divide the church with arguments about inconsequential matters. The

meaning of genealogies here is not certain; it could refer to some Jewish myths or arguments about ancestors. "Quarrels over the law" (v. 9, RSV) may have been nit-picking about what was forbidden. A more accurate translation of "heretic" in verse 10 is a "factious person" — someone who causes divisions. Shun such a person if he won't listen to warnings. In refusing to listen, he condemns himself.

**Be A Good Citizen**  
(1 Pet. 2:13-17)

When this passage was written, the Roman government was evidently tolerant toward Christians and had not begun to require that they acknowledge Caesar as Lord. So, Peter urged believers to obey the civil law and cooperate with the authorities. They were not to quibble over the levels of authority; the governors were less than the king, but they represented him in punishing wrong and commanding the right.

Peter declared that doing right as a citizen "is the will of God" in order "to silence the ignorant talk of foolish men" (v. 15, TEV). Just because they had gained freedom in Christ, they must not use it as an excuse or cover for evil. It was to facilitate their work as servants of God. As such, they should respect all men and love their fellow believers. Even while fearing God, they should also respect the emperor. Being Christians did not prevent their being good citizens.



A Woman's World Reaches Far  
**Beyond the Ironing Board**  
Wilda Fancher

I really don't understand about radio, recordings, stereo and the like. But I fill the rooms of my house with their sounds.

Nor can I understand the workings of my calculator, but my brain delights in its use.

Likewise, the seemingly simple light bulb blows my mind, as does the whole principle of electricity, but I never read by candlelight or wash sheets by hand.

And I surely can't see how a jumbo 747 jet can possibly stay aloft. Still, I walk on and soar away at more than 600 miles an hour.

Really now, how can I sit in my den and see something happening all the way across the world as easily as I see a photo across the room? It's impossible for me to understand and explain. But I watch.

The wires and cables that slither along over and under the earth — I have no inkling of understanding when someone tries to tell me how James and I can hear the voices of our boys coming over them and know they can hear our replies. But we talk to all three 'most every week.

There are lots of other things I don't really understand. An exquisite, caring friendship, however, I accept it.

The magic of the love between husband and wife, yet it gold-leaves my life with joy.

The mother instinct, but it never quite leaves me.

The fact of God — the character of God — the power of God — the presence of God. How do we understand it? I really don't. But I rest in it, work in it, plan to die in it, and plan to live forever in it, even if I never really understand it.

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Thursday, September 8, 1977

**James Robison**

**Area Rally To Be In Clinton**

James Robison, well-known evangelist who preaches regularly on television, will be in Clinton for a one-night rally Tuesday night, Sept. 13. The rally will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The James Robison Rally, sponsored by local Baptist churches, will be held at the Morrison Heights Church in Clinton, Charles Gentry, pastor. John McKay, recording artist, will be in charge of the music.

**European School Names President**

Pending ratification by the institution's board of trustees, Southern Baptist Missionary Islam E. (Dick) Ballenger has been elected sixth president of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Rischlikon, Switzerland. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board action came during its August meeting in Glorieta, N.M. Ballenger had been serving as interim president since Missionary Associate C. Penrose St. Amant's return to the United States for retirement. (BP) photo.

**Los Angeles (RNS)** — Four California priests and one in Colorado are the first within the U.S. Episcopal Church to be deposed for their actions in opposition to ordination of women.

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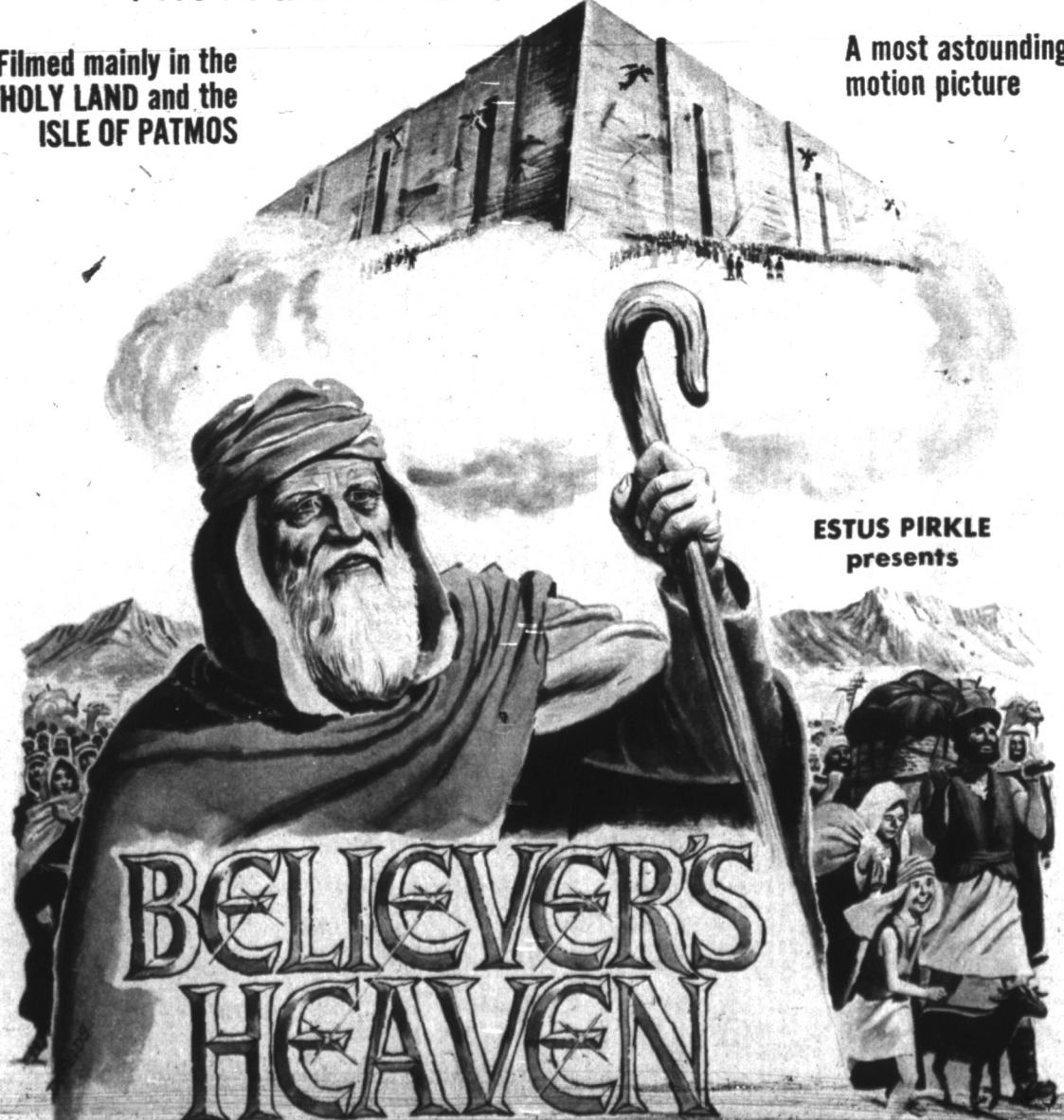
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## NAMES IN THE NEWS

Graham L. Hales, Jr., chaplain and director of religious affairs at the University of Southern Mississippi, was elected president of the Association for Coordination of University Religious Affairs (ACURA) during its recent national meeting.

Hales, licensed at Berea College in Kentucky. The Hazlehurst native was pastor of University Church in Hattiesburg before joining the USM faculty in 1969 as associate professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion.

James E. Mangum, who was licensed to the ministry in 1976, has moved from Dallas, Tex., to the Jackson area, and is now available for pulpit supply or interim pastorate. He formerly served in the state park ministry at Roosevelt Park, sponsored by East Morton Church, and at Shady Grove Church, Grand Prairie, Tex. He now lives at 2592 Old Country Club Road (29C), Pearl, MS 39208 (phone 932-1389).

The Eternal Heir Singers evangelistic team has announced that it has cancelled the remaining four months of a tour of the northwest states due to the serious illness of the mother of Mel Lewis, who heads the team. The Gulfport-based family team has been in evangelism for five years and has traveled almost 600,000 miles in 40 states. Lewis says the team is accepting engagements at Box 4016 in Gulfport, (601) 864-2530.

Major and June McDaniel, missionary associates to Korea, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 818 Main St., Natchez, Miss. 39120). They are natives of Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Sugg Jr., missionary appointees to Taiwan, will attend the 14-week orientation program beginning Sept. 12 at Callaway Gardens (address: P. O. Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822). Both are natives of Mississippi. He is from Eupora. The former Nan Gregory, she was born in Clarksdale and grew up in Jackson.



Barry Cappleman, left, was licensed to the ministry August 7 by Fellowship Church, Tippah County. He will be a student this fall at Blue Mountain College. The pastor, Dwight Massengill, right, presented the license.

Antonina Canzoneri, Mississippian, missionary to the Bahamas, is co-author of a new book, *Baptists in the Bahamas, An Historical Review*. Michael C. Symonette, a Bahama Baptist, is the other author who shared with Miss Canzoneri in the writing.

Mrs. Mary Thomason, wife of W. O. Thomason, former executive vice president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, died Aug. 23 following an extended illness. Mrs. Thomason, 50, an invalid for several years, was buried in Nashville following funeral services at First Baptist Church there. She is survived by Thomason and one daughter, Mrs. Linda Brown of Washington, D. C.; her mother, and a brother.

Douglas Ray Broome, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Broome of Terry, has been licensed to the gospel ministry by First Church, Terry. Wayne Coleman, pastor. Doug has entered as a freshman in the fall semester at Clarke College.

Broome

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## Gautier Group To Organize Into Church

Southside Chapel in Gautier, a mission of Ingalls Avenue Church in Pascagoula, will organize into a church Sept. 11.

Don McGregor, editor of the Baptist Record, will be the speaker for the organizational service.

Plans call for dinner on the grounds following the morning service at the mission with the organizational service coming at 2:30 p.m. The mission is located on Ladnier Road in Gautier.

Allen O. Webb is pastor of Ingalls Avenue Church in Pascagoula. The mission was established about three years ago with Bob Story as interim pastor. Lynn Mackey has been pastor for just over a year.

## Lakeshore To Dedicate Building

Lakeshore Church, Hinds-Madison Association, will dedicate its new building on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 2 p.m. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will deliver the dedicatory address. Mrs. Connie Kosset will present special music.

The church at the corner of Lakeshore and Rainey Road is situated on more than ten acres of land provided by the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Started as a mission on September 19, 1976, and constituted on March 13, 1977, the church now has 105 members.

The auditorium which will be dedicated September 18 will seat 250 people, and the facility provides for 175 in Sunday School.

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Services were held Aug. 31, 10 a.m. at Baldwin Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lois E. Van Egmond; two sons, Dr. Peter Van Egmond of Upper Marlboro, Md., and Rick Van Egmond of Jackson; a daughter, Mrs. Diane Smith of Jackson; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

A native of Newbern, N. C., Van Egmond was a three-year resident of Hattiesburg, a salesman in the Fine Jewelry Department for McRae's Department Store and was serving as minister of music in Poplarville. He had formerly served in this capacity at 15th Avenue Church in Meridian, First Church of Moss Point, First Church of New Albany, First Church of Vicksburg and First Church of Mendenhall.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy.

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## Staff Changes

Eugene E. Bradley has been called as pastor of Phalti Church, Clark County. He goes from Oak Grove Church, where H. W. Nix is now pastor. He is married to the former Opal Stanley of Shubuta. In the ministry since 1957, Bradley has organized two new churches and served as pastor in several churches in Mississippi and Alabama.

Russell B. Bradford, pastor of Woolmarket Church (Gulf Coast) has resigned. During his 30-month pastorate, the church has received 141 new members, 54 for baptism. A new pastor's home has been built. Gifts through the church have doubled, increasing from \$25,000 in 1974 to \$50,000 in 1976. Three choirs have been organized, as well as a Baptist Men's group, Girls in Action, and Royal Ambassadors. Bradford is available for pastorate or supply after Sept. 11, and can be contacted at Box 92, Gulfport 39501 (phone 868-2455).

Linda Gail Blanton has joined the staff of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, as director of the Parent-Child Development Center. A Mississippi native, she is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and received a Master in Religious Education degree from Southwestern Seminary.

Blanton

Before coming to Ridgecrest Church she was co-ordinator of the Child Care Center of Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas. She also has taught in kindergarten.

She is the daughter of Mrs. William C. Blanton of Lena, and the late William C. Blanton, a former director of Baptist Missions for Warren County.

Deborah Thomas, a native of Sumner, has recently been called as youth and activities director of First Church, Pascagoula. She graduated from William Carey College and received a Master of Religious Education degree from New Orleans Seminary. She had served Mulberry Church in Houma, Louisiana, as minister of youth and music.

Thomas

Calvary to Celebrate 30th Anniversary

Calvary Church, Greenville, will celebrate its 30th anniversary on Sunday, September 11, with all-day activities, Howard Taylor, pastor, has announced. Former pastors J. B. Miller and John Cook will bring the morning and afternoon messages. The youth and church choirs will present special music. The activities, which will begin at 9:45 a.m., will include

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## Devotional

## A Lesson In Grammar: Four Letter Words

By James E. Scirrett, Pastor, Woodland Hills, Jackson

The lesson today is about grammar. Never before have people had the opportunity to live in such an educated and intelligent society. Scientific knowledge has exploded our own generation to space age conquests. Countries are seeking to settle their differences at conference tables rather than on battlefields. Yet man lives in a society of four letter words.

The grammar of our day is notorious, deluding our spiritual language. Four letter words are common language in books, movies, and television programs. But these four letter words are only symptomatic of our bad grammar. It is difficult to understand how people who are so affluent in intellect can be so poor in grammar.

Think of the four letter word language of men. SELF is the first word that shows our lack of the command of spiritual grammar. To a child, self is by nature the most important word. When he becomes a man he puts away childish things.

GAIN is another four letter word that is so common in the vocabulary of the world. Now gain in itself is not all evil. Achievement, attainment, and progress are natural aspects of daily living. But when gain becomes the ulterior motive for every aspect of life, then man is in trouble. The song asks the right question, "What if I gained the world, and lost the Saviour?"

FAME is another four letter word that reveals so much of man's poor grammar. The gospel of success is preached today making men believe that if he is not successful he has failed. Man strives to reach the top, to reach the stars, to reach the pinnacle. If fame evades him, he feels he is a failure.

LOVE is a four letter word that will improve our vocabulary and our spiritual enrichment. To love as God does shows us how to love is the secret of success.

The word CARE will improve our spiritual vocabulary. Care will turn our thoughts from inward to outward.

GIVE is a word that has action that speaks louder than words. To give yourself is the finest gift one can give, and it is the gift the world needs.

Improve your grammar. Speak in the words of faith.

## Revival Dates

New Zion (Simpson): September 18-23; dinner on the grounds and no evening service on Sept. 18; services Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; John Hilburn, pastor, McDowell Road Church, Jackson, evangelist; Johnny Speedling, music director, McDowell Road Church, song director; Tom A. Jackson, pastor.

First Church, Raleigh, Sept. 11-16; Bob Hamblin, Harrisburg, Tupelo, evangelist; Tom Laramore, Jackson, music evangelist; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Robert Perry, pastor.

Highland, Vicksburg: Sept. 11-14; Crawford Williams, pastor of First, Tallulah, La., evangelist; Martha Branham, First Church, Dallas, Texas, guest soloist; Chuck Endsley, organist at Calvary, Jackson, guest pianist; Mrs. George Bane, organist; David Grimsley, song leader; James Messer, pastor; Sunday at regular times; Mon.-Wed. at 7:30 p.m.

Oak Hill (Prentiss): Sept. 18-23; services at 7:30 p.m.; Ray Glover, pastor; First, Verona, evangelist; Paul Reed, East Booneville, music director; Diane Hannon, East Booneville, pianist; Chuck Hampton, pastor.

Lawrence Church (Newton): Sept. 11-16; J. C. Renfroe, director of associational missions for Rankin, evangelist; Clark Adams, professor at Clarke College, music evangelist; homecoming day (11th) with dinner on the grounds, Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with weekday services at 7:30 p.m.; Bill Beam, pastor.



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